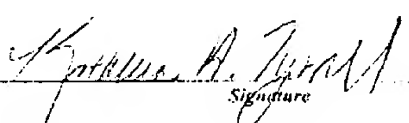


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)		Docket No. RU-0124
In Re Application Of: Breslauer and Gelfand		
Serial No. 09/869,004	Filing Date January 24, 2002	Examiner Tung, Joyce
		Group Art Unit 1637
Invention: Methods and Kits for Screening Nucleic Acid Duplex Stability		
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>		
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>April 24, 2003</u> in the above-identified application. FAX RECEIVED AUG 25 2003 GROUP 1600		
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months		
from: <u>July 25, 2003</u> until: <u>August 24, 2003</u> <i>Date</i> <i>Date</i>		
A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27: <input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.		
The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1619 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-1619		
 _____ Kathleen A. Tyrrell, Reg. No. 38,350		Dated: August 25, 2003
Licata & Tyrrell P.C. 66 East Main Street Marlton, New Jersey 08053 Tel: 856-810-1515 Fax: 856-810-1454		<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">OFFICIAL</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on _____ with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 10px; padding-top: 5px;">_____ <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 10px; padding-top: 5px;">_____ <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i></div>